(ङ) सभी सरकारी ऐजेन्सियों की निविदाएं अमान्य पाई गई। दो एजन्सियों ने पेश ी रकम जमा नहीं करवाई जबकि तीसरी ऐजेन्सी ने सशत पेशकश की।

(च) मार्च-मई, 1993 के दौरान आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्रों में वितरण हेतु 32.78 लाख रु० मूल्य की कुल 964.13 क्विटल मूंगफली खरीदी गई।

Cut in expenditure of the central Universities

715. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N E. BALRAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have asked the Central Universities to cut expenditure on salary and allowance and also sanctioned posts by 10 percent next year;

(b) whether the Universities have protested against this directive; and

(c) whether Government are revieWing its directive?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure had inter-alia advised the Financial, Advisers of various Ministries that 10% of the salary budget (Plan and Non-Plan together) may be reduced instead of surrender of 10% posts in the autonomous organisations. However, 10% cut in the salary budget should be applied on the actual expenditure incurred on pay and other allowances in 1991-92 or 1992-93 and not on the projections of 1993-94. The Integrated Finance Division of the Department of Education had informed all the bureaus of the Department to bring these instructions to the notice of all autonomous organisations for implementation.

These instructions accordingly were communicated amongst others to the University Grants Commission as the Government does not directly interact with universities in such matters. However, a copy of the Integrated Finance Division's letter was also sent to the Registrars of ten Central Universities by the Assistant Educational Adviser.

(b) and (c) The Hyderabad University , Delhi-University, AMU and IGNOU through separate letters expressed difficulties in compliance of these instructions. The Government however, have through a communication dated July 22, 1993 clarified that the 10% cut will not be applicable to teaching and research posts in academic institutions. It would also not be applicable to plan posts during the current plan. This communication has been sent to the UGC.

Condition of Patel Chest Institute Under Delhi University

716. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'State of Campuses which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 22nd May, 1993, to the effect that Patel Chest Institute under Delhi University is in a deplorable state and its laboratories are empty and a large number of other costly equipments are lying unused for years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and